

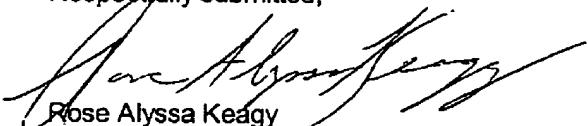
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-16.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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